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ILD AND NLD LICENCES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the name of foreign companies applied for International Long Distance (ILD) and National Long Distance (NLD) licences to operate in India;

(b) whether the domestic firms have also applied for these licences;

(c) if so, the names of those firms; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Sir, only Indian companies registered under Indian Companies Act, 1956 are eligible to apply for NLD and ILD Licence to operate in India. No foreign company has applied for NLD/ILD licence.

(c) & (d) Details are given in the Annexure.